

WEATHER & CROPS



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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 11, 2008

GENERAL: Most of North Carolina received rain this week with Whiteville recording 2.58 inches. Average temperatures were above normal and ranged between 59 to 72 degrees. The coastal region is reporting 17% of the area's topsoil moisture surplus, while the mountain region is reporting that 8% of the area's topsoil moisture is very short. There are a few unofficial reports of crop damage due to high winds and hailstorms through the Piedmont and Coastal regions. There were 5.5 days suitable for field work, compared to 5.0 the previous week. Statewide soil moisture levels are rated at 2% very short, 15% short, 69% adequate and 14% surplus. Activities during the week included the planting of corn, cotton, peanuts, sorghum, soybeans, sweetpotatoes, flue-cured and burley tobacco, and spreading fertilizer and chemicals.

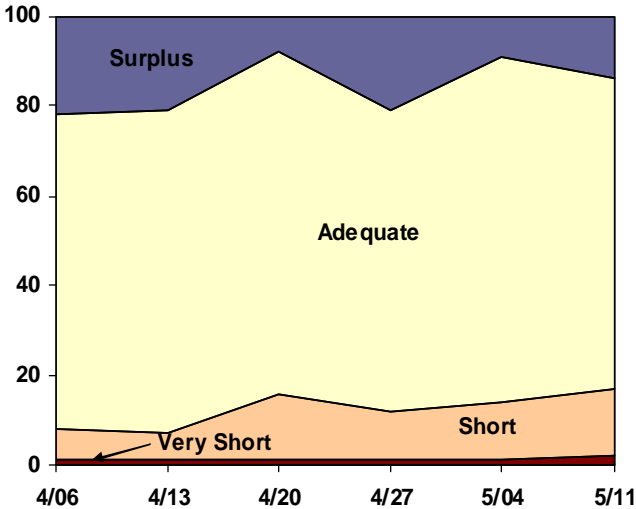
CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Year Average |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| PLANTED: | | | | |
| Corn | 95 | 87 | 98 | 94 |
| Cotton | 34 | 13 | 54 | 53 |
| Peanuts | 25 | N/A | 24 | 27 |
| Sorghum | 29 | 17 | 32 | 19 |
| Soybeans | 10 | N/A | 13 | 13 |
| Sweetpotatoes | 20 | N/A | 11 | N/A |
| Tobacco: Burley | 61 | 22 | N/A | 12 |
| Tobacco: Flue-cured | 74 | 43 | 77 | 79 |
| PHENOLOGICAL: | | | | |
| Corn % Emerged | 65 | 54 | 90 | 80 |
| Wheat % Headed | 97 | 90 | 93 | 89 |
| HARVESTED: | | | | |
| Hay 1st Cutting | 34 | 16 | 35 | 22 |
| Truck Crops | 43 | N/A | 28 | 72 |

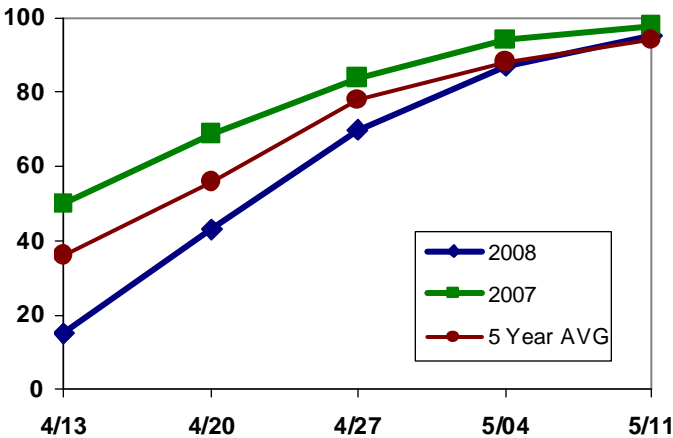
TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|----------------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| State | 2 | 15 | 69 | 14 |
| Mountain Region | 8 | 30 | 59 | 3 |
| Piedmont Region | 1 | 18 | 65 | 16 |
| Coastal Plain Region | 0 | 4 | 79 | 17 |

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENT STATEWIDE



CORN PERCENT PLANTED STATEWIDE



CROP CONDITION PERCENT

| | VP | P | F | G | EX |
|---------------------|----|---|----|----|----|
| Barley | 0 | 2 | 8 | 66 | 24 |
| Oats | 0 | 1 | 14 | 71 | 14 |
| Rye | 0 | 0 | 3 | 78 | 19 |
| Wheat | 0 | 1 | 18 | 64 | 17 |
| Corn | 0 | 1 | 23 | 66 | 10 |
| Hay | 0 | 1 | 25 | 66 | 8 |
| Irish Potatoes | 0 | 0 | 14 | 72 | 14 |
| Pasture | 1 | 6 | 30 | 54 | 9 |
| Tobacco: Flue-Cured | 0 | 0 | 22 | 70 | 8 |
| Truck Crops | 0 | 1 | 10 | 67 | 22 |

VP = Very Poor P = Poor F = Fair G = Good EX = Excellent

Crop information in this report is provided voluntarily by county officials of the Cooperative Extension Service, FSA, NRCS and other knowledgeable individuals.

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 10, 2008

| Station Location | Precipitation (Inches) ¹ | | | | Temperature (Degrees F.) For This Week | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|-----|---------|-----------------------|
| | Total This Week | Departure From Normal This Week | Total Since January 1, 2008 | Departure From Normal Since January 1, 2008 | High | Low | Average | Departure From Normal |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Apex | 0.50 | -0.45 | 13.91 | -2.41 | 83 | 53 | 68 | 3 |
| Asheville | 0.35 | -0.61 | 14.05 | -2.70 | 79 | 44 | 65 | 4 |
| Aurora | 0.39 | -0.63 | 16.97 | 0.55 | 82 | 57 | 70 | 4 |
| Beech Mountain | 0.44 | -0.84 | 15.35 | -5.75 | 76 | 41 | 57 | 6 |
| Chapel Hill | 0.69 | -0.28 | 16.45 | -0.20 | 82 | 50 | 67 | 4 |
| Charlotte | 0.25 | -0.59 | 13.19 | -2.84 | 83 | 51 | 70 | 5 |
| Clinton | 1.50 | 0.46 | 17.19 | 0.18 | 83 | 54 | 69 | 3 |
| Concord | 0.96 | 0.08 | 13.45 | -2.87 | 84 | 52 | 69 | 5 |
| Eden | 2.02 | 1.11 | 13.26 | -2.42 | 80 | 46 | 64 | 1 |
| Elizabeth City | 0.18 | -0.84 | 9.10 | -7.35 | 83 | 46 | 67 | 3 |
| Fayetteville | 0.05 | -0.71 | 15.33 | -0.44 | 84 | 55 | 69 | 3 |
| Goldsboro | 0.63 | -0.28 | 17.29 | 0.16 | 81 | 52 | 68 | 2 |
| Greensboro | 0.64 | -0.24 | 14.02 | -0.49 | 81 | 53 | 68 | 4 |
| Greenville | 0.32 | -0.61 | 16.04 | -0.68 | 84 | 51 | 70 | 4 |
| Halifax | 1.12 | 0.15 | 19.56 | 3.38 | 82 | 50 | 66 | 2 |
| Hayesville | 1.30 | 0.40 | 20.05 | 3.84 | 80 | 40 | 64 | -3 |
| Hickory | 0.16 | -0.80 | 11.13 | -6.51 | 82 | 50 | 68 | 5 |
| Jackson Springs | 0.97 | 0.15 | 15.65 | -0.82 | 83 | 52 | 69 | 3 |
| Jacksonville | 0.52 | -0.56 | 17.98 | 0.25 | 86 | 52 | 71 | 4 |
| Jefferson | 0.25 | -0.80 | 13.27 | -3.68 | 74 | 37 | 59 | 2 |
| Kinston | 1.07 | 0.09 | 16.69 | -0.39 | 84 | 50 | 68 | 3 |
| Laurinburg | 1.27 | 0.52 | 17.08 | 0.65 | 87 | 55 | 72 | 5 |
| Lenoir | 0.61 | -0.39 | 13.31 | -3.98 | 82 | 47 | 67 | 3 |
| Lexington | 0.18 | -0.69 | 11.39 | -5.11 | 85 | 46 | 68 | 2 |
| Lincolnton | 1.02 | 0.01 | 12.70 | -4.30 | 81 | 47 | 67 | 3 |
| Louisburg | 0.16 | -0.83 | 13.83 | -2.50 | 82 | 48 | 66 | 4 |
| Marshall | 0.44 | -0.40 | 12.25 | -2.88 | 82 | 36 | 62 | 3 |
| Monroe | 0.31 | -0.48 | 11.81 | -5.36 | 83 | 54 | 69 | 4 |
| Mount Airy | 1.29 | 0.31 | 13.09 | -3.20 | 80 | 42 | 63 | 0 |
| New Bern | 0.05 | -0.94 | 14.19 | -3.12 | 85 | 52 | 70 | 3 |
| North Wilkesboro | 1.19 | 0.21 | 13.34 | -4.49 | 81 | 46 | 65 | 4 |
| Old Fort | 0.22 | -0.83 | 12.50 | -5.88 | 81 | 41 | 64 | 5 |
| Oxford | 0.22 | -0.68 | 13.77 | -1.88 | 83 | 50 | 66 | 2 |
| Raleigh-Durham | 0.50 | -0.36 | 14.37 | -0.56 | 83 | 51 | 69 | 4 |
| Roanoke Rapids | 0.03 | -0.94 | 17.13 | 0.95 | 82 | 48 | 66 | 3 |
| Rocky Mount | 0.62 | -0.28 | 14.00 | -2.05 | 82 | 47 | 68 | 3 |
| Siler City | 0.68 | -0.33 | 15.34 | -1.85 | 80 | 51 | 67 | 4 |
| Waynesville | 0.89 | -0.08 | 16.61 | -2.17 | 76 | 34 | 60 | 2 |
| Whiteville | 2.58 | 1.62 | 18.61 | 2.01 | 86 | 54 | 70 | 4 |
| Williamston | 0.10 | -0.87 | 15.35 | -1.12 | 82 | 50 | 69 | 3 |
| Wilmington | 0.88 | -0.03 | 13.75 | -2.06 | 88 | 53 | 72 | 4 |

¹ Precipitation data considered preliminary

